

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 4, 2006

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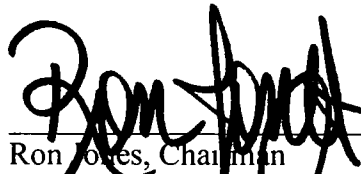
**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S
ANNUAL COST ADJUSTMENT (ACA) FOR
THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

**DOCKET NO.
05-00253**

**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before Chairman Ron Jones, Director Pat Miller and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on December 12, 2005 to consider the annual cost adjustment for the twelve months ended June 30, 2005 filed by Atmos Energy Corporation on September 15, 2005. During the December 12, 2005 Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to dispose of the outstanding issues relating to the entry of a protective order.

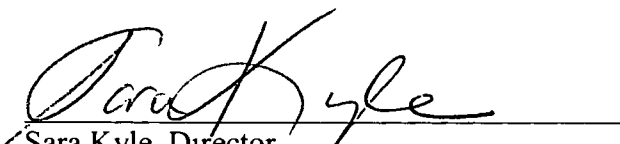
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Ron Jones, Chairman



Pat Miller, Director



Sara Kyle, Director